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The Spaniards Had Been Warned.
If Colonel Ruiz had been executed by the insurgents for an attempt to corrupt the commander of an insurgent force he received only what he had been fairly warned. Aranguen, with whom Colonel Ruiz was connected, has also been executed. He received only what he had every reason to expect.

Secretary General Congosto cabling here from Havana, speaks of "the ferocity of such an act," and describes it further as "conduct unworthy of savages." Such talk from a Spanish official in Cuba would be amusing but for the gravity of the subject. The devil has the richest of all vocabularies in rebuking sin, but his deliverances excite only contempt and derision.

As soon as General Blanco's "policy of pacification" was announced General Gomez took notice of it in an official letter. General Weyler had posted the insurgents as bandits, and had excused the rigor of his treatment of them on that score. General Blanco, still holding that they were bandits, merely proposed a new treatment. This procedure, much more humane, however, has been said to be against Blanco's. The Weyler policy had called for bloody extermination. The Blanco policy was calling for corrupting the insurgents. It was assumed that men who had kept the field for nearly three years with arms in their hands could be bought with a little money.

The Blanco policy was well calculated to excite the bosom of the insurgent leaders the most intense indignation. They replied to it promptly and properly and publicly. They warned General Blanco that the policy of corruption could not succeed. They informed him that any agents of his taken in an attempt to execute it would be hanged. They meant what they said, and General Blanco had every reason to believe that they did. If, therefore, in the face of this warning, he has sent men out on such a mission, their blood, whenever shed, will be upon his head.

It is claimed that Colonel Ruiz was not on an official mission. That on its face is a mere evasion. He was a Spanish officer and was in friendly conference with an insurgent officer, and there was every right to assume that his business was within the rule of proscription. He was in effect spy, and the report of his death, if true, only shows that he has met a spy's fate.

The Trolley on the Navy Yard Bridge.
A bill now pending before the House of Representatives proposes to grant the Capital Railway Company permission to cross the navy yard bridge with the overhead trolley. The representations made by the company set forth that this privilege is absolutely necessary unless the patrons of the line are to continue to be annoyed by the inspection of horse-car service in the bridge between the trolley service in the south and the so-called underground electric service on the city side of the river. The bill granting the road the right of way across the bridge limited the motive power on that structure to horses or underground electric. It is asserted that the latter is impracticable in view of the fact that the "buttons" or contact points between the rails of each track that form the main feature of the system used by this company on the north side of the river would prove a serious obstacle to safe travel on the bridge, where the wagons are compelled to utilize the tracks of the car lines in their passage to and fro. If Congress, after rigid scanning of the claims of the company, should decide to reverse the decision reached when the original bill was passed, certain details of construction should be specified in order to prevent possible accidents. It is ascertained that the current for both north and south-bound cars can for the bridge stretch be supplied through a single wire strung in the middle of the bridge. This should be required in order to keep the trolley wire out of the range of the ordinary traffic. It should be protected, too, from contact with passing objects save the trolley pole of the car. This can readily be done as was done in the case of the Brooklyn electric roads running beneath the elevated road structures. A continuous wooden box like an inverted trough was there built around the wire, securely inclosing the conductor and preventing all possibility of accidents. With such a contrivance on the navy yard bridge it is probable that the danger involved in the use of the overhead trolley on this low, narrow structure would be reduced to a minimum. These requirements, however, should be specifically embodied in the bill before it even receives consideration.

Speaking of magnifying one's office: President Harrison has just published the business pretty well, "This Country of Ours," which, in spite of its title, is descriptive and explanatory of its form of government, rather than of its geography or physical resources, he devotes 16 pages to the Constitution, 51 to the Legislative branch, 21 to the Judicial, and 22 to the Executive. To State or Municipal Institutions he gives no space whatever.

Washington's system of government, being a human institution, is undeniably open to some criticism. But it is difficult to find another city in the world with which an advantageous exchange could be made.

The Foreign Market Invites American.
Indications are accumulating that with all the ground for the apprehension in German commercial circles that the inflow of American goods will injure the home markets of the fatherland, there is reason to believe that the invasion might readily be made much more successful through the application of new methods. Consular agents have lately been writing to the State Department to show that there is a fallow field on the continent lying ready for the production of a rich harvest for American manufacturers. The drift of this official opinion is that the methods in vogue among the American producers for introducing their goods in such countries as Germany and France are inadequate. Circulars and other advertising and announcing matter are almost invariably printed in English. Naturally the vast bulk of this literature goes directly into the waste basket. Not only are the facts given in English, but the prices and measurements are all expressed in elements unknown or at least unfamiliar to the continental merchants. The advice is given to the manufacturers here to express themselves when addressing European agents in terms calculated to reach the intelligence of their would-be patrons. But it is further shown by these reports that the mere sending of literature through

the mails will not reach the merchants, who are already the object of solicitous attentions from the agents of continental manufacturers. The American system of "drummers," is in vogue to almost an equal extent in Europe, and the field is well covered by energetic men. The average American manufacturer, it is asserted, could well afford to seek faithful, active agents abroad, instead of as now contenting himself with placing his goods with men already well stocked with domestic products, to which they will usually give preference. American manufacturers are able, as a rule, to compete directly with those of foreign make, especially for quality. High prices are sometimes charged at present abroad, because the dealers secure their goods through English middlemen and must add to the retail rates to secure their profit. Direct handling from maker to retailer would give the American goods a heavy advantage over those made on the continent, notwithstanding the lower rates of labor there, owing to the improved methods and more efficient machinery employed. The intelligent buyers in Europe have demonstrated their keen appreciation of well-made products, and the popularity of the American bicycles is sufficient evidence of the opportunity at the hand of the American manufacturer if he will adopt the methods suggested. One consular representative urges that associations of allied lines of manufacture be formed to canvas the European field systematically, and predicts a most profitable success for such an enterprise. The foreign market is most inviting, and if there be any force in these representations, which bear close scrutiny, there should be no further delay in the accomplishment of the American commercial conquest of Europe.

Supplemental Revenue Legislation.
In some of the deliberations about the revenue situation it is assumed that even if the republicans propose legislation at this session to supplement the Dingley bill the Senate will reject it. The assumption is that the republicans had their chance at the extra session, and must abide by the work they executed at that time. The opposition in the Senate could have blocked the way then, but generously and patriotically forbore to use their advantage. They made merely a parliamentary maneuver, for the purpose of putting everybody on record, and then permitted the bill the republicans had brought forward to become a law. By that law, it was insisted, the republicans must stand. If as a revenue raiser it is a failure, they must pay the penalty at the polls.

It is true that the opposition in the Senate last spring did carry themselves in a generous way toward the Dingley bill. They had it in their power to make it a humiliating and uncomfortable for the republicans to get along with their task. It was, of course they pursued was wise. It was a matter past dispute that the government stood urgently in need of more revenue. The republican party had secured the presidency and the House on a pledge to supply the deficiency, and was now offering a bill with that object in view. The responsibility was with the republicans, and so the democrats and populists in the republic, no more capricious opposition to the republican program.

If it shall turn out now that the Dingley bill needs to be supplemented in its revenue aspect will it not be the part of wisdom for the opposition in the Senate to repeat the tactics of last spring? The situation, from the standpoint of the government's welfare, will be the same as it was then. The question will still be one of sufficient revenue. The responsibility will still be upon the republicans to raise it. A reply, that they had failed in a first attempt and should not be allowed a second trial, would hardly be accepted by the country as good reasoning or good politics. The republicans do not concede that the Dingley bill is a failure as a revenue measure. They believe that in a short time it will begin to justify itself fully in that respect. But if it should not do so by early spring some supplemental legislation of purely a revenue nature must be proposed, and then the Senate's attitude and premises will become of much importance.

Bad Administration in Cuba.
The last two letters to The Star from Mr. Pepper, its special correspondent in Cuba, printed Saturday and today, show conclusively that the people of the island are in a deplorable condition. Both the reconstruction and the other dwellers in the rural districts who were not huddled together in starvation pens are scarcely able to keep body and soul together. Mr. Pepper in today's letter shows that the Spanish administration has utterly failed to carry out a comprehensive system of relief, abandoning its weak excuse for the distribution of means among the suffering people. He forecasts great suffering and argues that the responsibility for this result will be upon the head of the Spaniards, who resisted the project to permit the sending of relief supplies from the United States. The autonomist program and the general reform project must necessarily be hindered by the wretched state of the common people, however well satisfied may be a few hundreds of the comparatively well-to-do in Havana. Mr. Pepper presents a strong arraignment of the present administration in the island.

The greetings to "Greater New York" from London's lord mayor serve to call attention to the fact that there is such a personage. It is almost as hard for a mayor to become personally celebrated in England's metropolis as it is in America's. It is probable that Fitzsimmons will consent to a formal discussion of another meeting with Corbett as soon as the box office receipts show signs of needing further stimulus. It is difficult to imagine what Great Britain's feelings would be, if the spoken Senator Chandler were in the course of political events to become Secretary of State. There is a great deal of interest at present in the achievement of a young man who started in with only a million or so of dollars and got rich. It is not definitely known whether recent developments in Mrs. Langtry's career are to be regarded as symptoms of a startling tour.

A Bad Theory of Management.
The collapse of the service on the Belt railroad illustrates the bad results of that mistaken theory of management which seeks to whittle down the expenses of a common carrier to meet the income rather than to attract additional travel by improved facilities and thus swell the income to meet the expenses. The people want to invent transportation facilities and when these are not forthcoming they will patronize other means of transit, or walk. In these days many of them buy bicycles and make themselves in a measure independent of the railway companies. Where a road that refuses or neglects to provide modern facilities is in exclusive occupation of a territory it has the people largely at its mercy, but the bicycle as a remedy is still available and it is better from the records that the drift wheelward has seriously lessened the receipts of the carrying concerns.

Had the Belt road's expenses been increased instead of lessened, through the adoption of a satisfactory system of motive power, it is altogether likely that the road would today be more than paying expenses and would be running on full schedule instead of barely maintaining its character by the occasional display of a hot-bell car under the management of a single operative. It is notable that these cars are running practically empty, thus casting additional doubt upon the advisability of the operation of lowering the expenses. Good judgment in railway management today calls for a reorganization of the requirements of the people, and then the provision of means to meet them. The demands of the riding public ought at all times to be the measure of progress. Nothing short of this policy will ever succeed in an intelligent community.

Possibly some one would agitate the idea of a "Greater Washington" if it were not for the apprehension which would attach to the annexation of Jackson City sporting life and the Baltimore Base Ball Club. South Carolina is still a long way from making the just demand for a law so much of a success as to be generally adopted in the country. Mr. Hanna has had defeat prophesied for him so often that he is not to be blamed for evincing a disposition to back his own judgment.

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